

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

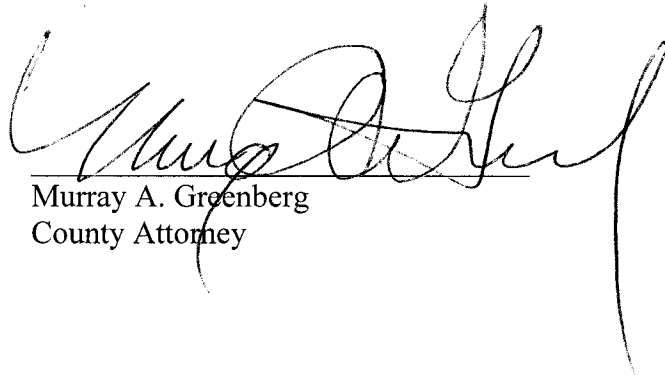
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 6, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County
Manager to apply for
membership in the Chicago
Climate Exchange

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Natacha Seijas, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.



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Please note any items checked.

_____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

_____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

_____ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-6-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHICAGO CLIMATE EXCHANGE AS A PHASE II MEMBER FOR DIRECT EMISSIONS AND TO BUDGET SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHICAGO CLIMATE EXCHANGE

WHEREAS, the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) is a voluntary, self-regulating, multi-sector program that is designed to quantify, verify, register, reduce and trade the emissions of various greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, although membership itself in the CCX is voluntary, members make a legally binding commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by a set percentage of their baseline emissions; and

WHEREAS, the stated goals of the CCX are as follows:

- To facilitate the transaction of greenhouse gas emissions allowance trading, price transparency, design excellence, and environmental integrity.
- To build the skills and institutions needed to cost-effectively manage greenhouse gas emissions.
- To facilitate capacity-building in both the public and private sectors to facilitate greenhouse gas mitigation.
- To strengthen the intellectual framework required for cost-effective and valid greenhouse gas reduction.
- To help inform the public debate on managing the risk of global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the potential benefits to Miami-Dade County far exceed the minimal costs incurred by entering into this legally binding commitment; and

WHEREAS, as suggested by the CCX, the dollars spent by the County as a Phase II member:

- contribute to bona fide greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions under the CCX cap-and-trade system.
- are an investment that will help the County develop long-term energy and emissions management systems over time that will in turn deliver value and possible revenue to the public budget through minimization of waste.
- enable the County to highlight where best to spend “green” dollars so that these dollars are deployed where they will deliver the most actual green benefit especially in terms of GHG reductions.
- will put the County at the forefront of practical and intellectual development of cap-and-trade market architecture and innovation, including the development of new protocols of importance to public sector entities such as public transportation “credit” systems,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Manager to apply for and obtain Miami-Dade County membership in the Chicago Climate Exchange as a Phase II Member for Direction Emissions and to budget sufficient funds to support the membership requirements of the Chicago Climate Exchange.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Natacha Seijas, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle. and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of March, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Peter S. Tell